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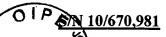
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The Restriction Requirement mailed February 17, 2005 required election of either Group I (Claims 1-18 and 21-27) or Group II (Claims 19-20). The Restriction Requirement further required an election of species if Group I was elected for prosecution. Claims 1-11 and 21-27 were indicated to be generic.

Applicants have filed a Preliminary Amendment dated February 4, 2005. Apparently, the Restriction Requirement was prepared prior to the receiving of the Preliminary Amendment. In the Preliminary Amendment, Applicants canceled Claims 1-11 and 21-27 and amended Claims 15 and 17. As a result of the Preliminary Amendment, Group I now consists of pending Claims 12-18.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I (Claims 12-18). Applicants believe that the claim amendments made in the Preliminary Amendment eliminate the need for a species election as the indicated generic claims (i.e., 1-11 and 21-27) have been canceled. Applicant respectfully cancels remaining claims 19-20 (Group II) without prejudice, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (989-297-1298) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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